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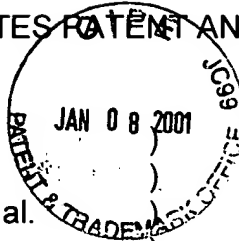
In re Application of:

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Serial No.: To be assigned

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For: DYNAMIC LOOKUP SERVICE
IN A DISTRIBUTED SYSTEM



Prior Application Serial No.
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Examiner: M. GECKIL

*Amend if Superior
in part claims 8-39
only - claims 1-39
Not Extended into
previous claims
filed 1-39*

Assistant Commissioner for Patents
Washington, D.C. 20231

Sir:

PRELIMINARY AMENDMENT

Prior to examination, please amend the application as follows:

IN THE CLAIMS:

Please cancel claim ~~1~~ and add new claims ~~8-39~~ as follows:

--8. A method in a data processing system having a lookup service with

associated services available for use in the data processing system, comprising
the steps of:

receiving a request to update the lookup service; and

updating the lookup service such that services unaffected by the update

continue to be available for use while the update occurs.

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